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Reference: 63.71 Application of XO Communication Services, LLC

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To Whom It May Concern:

I recently received a letter from my phone carrier, XO Communications, announcing that effective October 31st, 2011, they were planning to discontinue all Calling Card Services for its customers.

As a long-time XO corporate customer, I know that this termination of a critical service will impact my small business severely. We have many employees who travel extensively and giving them our corporate Calling Card number is much easier than providing each employee with his or her own corporate phone.

I, in fact, don't use a cell phone and rely exclusively on payphones in foreign cities for contacting clients and employees. The only way that I can make a long-distance call is with a calling card number. If this service is discontinued by my carrier, I will essentially have no way of reaching anybody when I'm away from my hard-wire line.

Please urge XO to keep this service. Not everybody in the United States has adopted the cell phone and we shouldn't be pressured to do so by the discontinuance of long-expected service. It's in the public interest to keep these phone companies from discontinuing critical features just because they're not as profitable as other services. They've been given a right to use these government-owned utilities and, as such, should keep every American's right to wireline access in mind.

Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,

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